

To all New & Returning Members:
WELCOME to The Schuylkill Choral Society's 2018 - 2019 Season.

Please review all of the forms in your Membership Packet. If you have any questions, just ask. Anyone will be glad to help or point you in the direction of someone who can.

Enclosed in your packet are the following:

1. MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT - two (2) copies

Please sign and date the copy identified as "Office Copy" and return it to the Membership Committee. The other copy, identified as "Personal Copy," is for you to keep.

DEADLINE FOR RETURN is the 10th Day of the Month following the Start of the Concert Rehearsals.

2. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

Please complete this form and return it to the Membership Committee. It is important that this be returned promptly. We use this information to prepare both our Emergency Call List and our Membership Directory.

DEADLINE FOR RETURN is the 10th Day of the Month following the Start of the Concert Rehearsals.

3. DUES ENVELOPE (*Dues must be paid to participate in any concert*)

Please place your check, made payable to "The Schuylkill Choral Society," in this envelope.

Payable by the 10th Day of the Month following the Start of the Concert Rehearsals.

4. SYNOPSIS

This is a synopsis of the SCS membership policies which can answer a lot of your questions.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES

A list of our current committees. According to our by-laws, the chairperson of each committee must be a board member. However, committee members may be anyone interested in helping out..

PLEASE VOLUNTEER! Every member is welcomed and encouraged to join.

6. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This lists which section will be serving refreshments at break time. We have divided the season into three groups - one for each concert. Please note the concert for which it's your section's turn. Help to rejuvenate your fellow singers by serving at break. (Munchie and soft drinks donations are always welcomed.)

7. CONCERT DATES (Please note: All Concert Information is subject to change)

December 1st & 2nd, 2018

"The Snows of Pennsylvania"

Sat., 12/1/2018 at 7:00 pm

Jerusalem Lutheran Church

Sun., 12/2/2018 at 3:00 pm

St. John the Baptist R. C. Church

March 10th, 2019

"Sunday Jazz"

Sun., 3/10/19 at 3:00 pm

Blue Mountain High School

May 19th, 2019

"Moon and Stars"

Sun., May 19th at 3:00 pm

Schuylkill Haven Area High School

8. ADVERTISING, FUNDRAISING & SPONSOR SHEETS - 2 COPIES

The more Ads and Fundraising options our members sell, the less dependent we are upon money from external sources such as grants. This helps to keep our professionals paid and your dues low. Selling ads is a part of membership in the chorus by which everyone can help far beyond singing. Please sell as many ads or sponsorships as you can.

DEADLINE for Ads sales is Monday, November 19th, 2018

9. YOUR OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

10. A PENCIL: The only approved tool for marking up your music.

11. VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.schchoral.org

12. Ask to join our Private Facebook group to keep up with cancellations as well as fun stuff

SYNOPSIS OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

DUES (*must be paid to be eligible to participate in any concert.*)

Annual dues are currently \$50 and must be paid, by check, in full, *by the 10th day of the month following the start of rehearsals*. Please place your check, made payable to “The Schuylkill Choral Society,” in the enclosed envelope and return it to the designated person on the Membership Committee.

ATTENDANCE

An attendance log is maintained for all rehearsals. It is *your responsibility* to notify the attendance taker or any member of the Membership Committee when you arrive. Please do not mark the attendance book, yourself. If you need to leave early, it is important that you notify a member of the Membership Committee. Members are required to attend all rehearsals. However, a member *is allowed to miss up to two (2) rehearsals per concert. Missing a third (3rd) may disqualify the member from singing that concert, at the discretion of the Music Director.* The Executive Committee, at the recommendation of the Music Director, can make exceptions to this rule in the event of *special circumstances*. Please note: If you leave early, it will be marked as a half-miss. Half-misses will be considered in the total along with full misses. In the event of unusual or unforeseen circumstances, eligibility will be considered on a case-by-case basis. *Attendance at the dress rehearsal prior to a concert is mandatory in order to be eligible to perform that concert.* If for any reason you cannot attend the dress rehearsal, you must submit a letter of explanation to the Membership Chairperson or the President prior to that rehearsal. Acceptance of the letter will be the decision of the Board of Directors and the Music Director.

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals are scheduled for Monday evenings, plus at *least one* additional mid-week rehearsal, prior to a concert. Starting times may vary, depending upon the concert.

Although the last rehearsal before each concert is known as the “dress rehearsal,” concert attire is not worn.

MAINTAINING YOUR CHAIR

If you are unable to sing in any of the scheduled concerts and wish to keep your chair, you are required to submit a letter to the Membership Committee, the President and the Music Director stating the reason you are unable to participate. Failure to do so may result in the loss of your chair and the need to re-audition. Should you miss two (2) consecutive concerts, you will need to re-audition.

STANDARD DRESS CODE

The dress code is subject to change depending upon the type and location of each concert.

As a courtesy to other members of the chorus, no perfume, cologne etc., will be worn. Deodorant is recommended.

WOMEN

Long (to the heel of shoe) uniform black dress
Single strand pearls. Black shoes (no sandals - deviation only for medical reason)

MEN

Black jacket, or black tuxedo (no tails). White tuxedo shirt. Black shoes, black socks, black trousers,
Black, red, or green bow tie (color to be determined.)

CARE OF YOUR MUSIC

All music should be in Black Choral folders that use elastic straps or Magazine Holder inserts. *Music may Not* be punched as for use in a 3-Ring Binder. All markings are to be made in Pencil (provided) and erased prior to return. Music returned that has been marked with Ink or Highlighter or into which holes have been punched will incur a fine equal to the current replacement cost of the music.

SPONSORSHIP AND FUND RAISERS

Members are strongly urged to participate in supporting the chorus. Along with the many benefits of belonging to the Schuylkill Choral Society comes this vital responsibility. It is how the chorus survives.

Your 2018 - 2019 Schuylkill Choral Society Board Members

2017 - 2019 Officers

President: Cynthia Mensch
Treasurer: Carol Murphy
Recording Secretary: Cathy Schneck
Librarian: Sue Melusky

Vice President: Greg Mensch
Assistant Treasurer: Butch Scheetz
Corresponding Secretary: Linda Kriner

2017 - 2019 Term

Jeff Miller
Frank Strahan
Ruth Carl
Vivian Rupert
Kristin Nunes

2018 - 2020 Term

Sue Scheetz
Laurie Gosch
Colleen Slovak
Adrienne Chimahusky
Barbara Skelding

2018 - 2019 Alternates (1-Year Term)

Michelle Strenkoski
Shirley Koenig
Donna Newton

Members listed above whose Terms are Expiring as of May 31, 2019

Cindy Mensch - President
Greg Mensch - Vice-President
Carol Murphy - Treasurer
Butch Scheetz - Asst. Treasurer
Cathy Schneck - Recording Secretary
Linda Kriner - Corresponding Secretary
Sue Melusky - Librarian
Jeff Miller
Frank Strahan
Ruth Carl
Vivian Rupert
Kristin Nunes

(PLUS 2018-19 ALTERNATES)